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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KUENZER ET AL.

Examiner

Sabiha Qazi

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 53-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 53-65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

Nonfinal Office Action on the Merits

1. The finality of the rejection of the last Office action is withdrawn.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Status of the Application

3. Acknowledgment is made of the response filed in paper dated 1/20/04.
Amendments are entered. Claims 53-65 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The rejections of claims 66-89 under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs are made moot by the cancellation of the instant claims.
5. The rejection of claims 53-65 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph is withdrawn.
6. Claims 53-65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to

one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The proviso to disclaim the compounds 16β -ethinylestra 1,3,5(10)-triene-3,16 α -diol and 16α -ethinylestra 1,3,5(10)-triene-3,16 β -diol is considered new matter because these compounds were not disclaimed in the specification as filed. Ex parte Grasselli et al., 231 USPQ 393.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. Claim 53 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Arunachalam et al. (Journal of Biological Chemistry, 254(13), 5900-5, 1975).

Arunachalam et al. teach 3,16-dihydroxyestra-1,3,5(10)-trienes which embrace Applicant's claimed invention (see page 5905, compounds 19a-c, RNs 71683-63-1, 71683-69-7 and 71683-70-0).

Telephone Inquiry

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sabiha N. Qazi telephone number is 571-272-0622.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:00am-6:00pm.

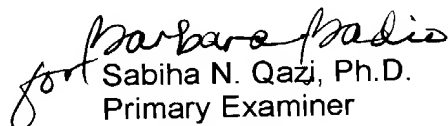
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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